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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Chernichenko, Mrs. Daes, Mr. Decaux, Mrs. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Mrs. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Khalil, Mr. Khan, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

Human rights and terrorism

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that the most essential and basic human right is the right to life,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23) adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/122 of 20 December 1993, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/46 of 4 March 1994 and its own resolution 1993/13 of 20 August 1993,

Reiterating its deep concern at the persistence of acts of terrorism and the gross violations of human rights perpetrated by terrorist groups,

Profoundly deploring the increasing number of innocent persons killed, massacred and maimed by terrorists in indiscriminate and random acts of violence and terror, which cannot be justified under any circumstances,

1. Reiterates its unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as human rights violations aimed at the destruction of fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, destabilizing legitimately constituted Governments, undermining pluralistic civil society and having adverse consequences on the economic and social development of States;

2. Calls upon Governments to take all necessary and effective measures, in conformity with international standards of human rights, to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism, and urges the international community to enhance cooperation in the fight against terrorism at the national, regional and international levels;

3. Decides, in accordance with the Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/46, to entrust Mr. Saïd Naceur Ramadhane with the task of preparing, without financial implications, a working paper on the question of terrorism and human rights, to be considered at its forty-seventh session.